

HCS SCS SB 673 -- MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Brown (Day)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding motor vehicle licensing and registration. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Requires, beginning January 1, 2013, a window sticker to be placed on the inside front windshield of a motor vehicle to show the current registration instead of the current license plate tab. A tab, instead of a window sticker, must also be issued for a motorcycle or trailer registration;
- (2) Specifies that no penalties can be assessed or any tickets issued for a person failing to renew the registration of a motor vehicle prior to the last day of the month following the expiration of the 12-month registration period;
- (3) Allows a motor vehicle owner to purchase an additional temporary license plate to be placed in the vehicle's rear window when the view of the rear license plate is obstructed by a bicycle rack or other item. The temporary plate must be produced in a manner and of materials determined by the Director of the Department of Revenue to be the most cost-effective means of production with a configuration that matches an existing or newly issued plate. The fee for the additional temporary license plate must be the same charged for a temporary permit. The third plate may only be used on the vehicle with the matching plate, and the additional third plate must be clearly recognizable as a third plate and only used for the specified purpose;
- (4) Removes the provision requiring a removable windshield placard used by a person who is physically disabled to be renewed every four years;
- (5) Specifies that a person who is permanently disabled, regardless of age, is not required to provide a physician's statement when renewing a disabled license plate or windshield placard;

(6) Requires, beginning January 1, 2014, every applicant for a motorcycle license or endorsement to show proof that he or she has successfully completed a motorcycle training course;

(7) Allows the holder of a temporary motorcycle instruction permit or a temporary instruction permit with a motorcycle endorsement to only renew the permit two additional times for a maximum period of 18 months;

(8) Specifies that the restrictions on a temporary motorcycle instruction permit holder who is under 16 years of age must apply to every permit holder regardless of age but repeals the current restrictions regarding the limitation on the engine size and an operator not being able to travel more than 50 miles from the operator's home address; and

(9) Requires an applicant who must take the written portion of a license examination more than once to pay a \$10 fee for each additional time.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$505,009 to Unknown in FY 2013, \$918,199 to Unknown in FY 2014, and \$918,199 to Unknown in FY 2015. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of \$921,645 in FY 2013, \$1,886,398 in FY 2014, and \$1,886,398 in FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will give people adequate time to learn to ride safely and not allow a person to ride forever without being licensed.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Brown; and Gregory Mullinex, Freedom of Road Riders.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that it will restrict people who may think about getting a license and then don't but later change their mind.

Testifying against the bill was Tony Shepherd, ABATE for Missouri, Incorporated.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say it will increase the number of people driving on a permit.

Testifying on the bill was Department of Revenue.